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Call to Faculty: Student Government External Relations Committee is in need of two faculty representatives. Interested faculty should contact John Pommier (jhpommier@eiu.edu or 581-6597) as soon as possible.

Call to Faculty: Apportionment Board Committee is in need of two faculty representatives. Apportionment Board meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. Interested faculty should contact John Pommier (jhpommier@eiu.edu or 581-6597) as soon as possible.

I. Call to order by Lynne Curry at 2:00 p.m. (Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440)

Present: A. Brownson, J. Coit, L. Curry, M. Dao, R. Fischer, B. Joyce, B. Khan, R. Marshall, R. Murray, J. Pence, J. Pommier, J. Russell, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, and D. VanGunten. Excused: J. Melanson. Guests: K. Born (Gerontology GA), S. Cuadrado (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), D. Hoadley (LCBAS) and B. Lord (Provost/VPAA).

II. Approval of Minutes of 18 September.

Approval of the Minutes of 18 September (Stimac/Fischer) with no corrections – Yes: Brownson, Coit, Curry, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Marshall, Murray, Snyder and Stimac. Abstain: Dao, Pommier, Russell, Sinclair and VanGunten.

III. Announcements

- A. The Faculty Forum on Academic Freedom will be 7 p.m. Tuesday November 6 at 7th Street Underground.
- B. Geography week begins November 11.

IV. Communications

- A. E-mail from Martha Brown, 26 October, re: CUPB Rep for LCBAS
- B. E-mail from Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, 24 October, re: Campus Responsiveness to Rape Victims/Survivors

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Executive Committee: Senator Curry stated that the committee had met with Dr. Perry and Provost Lord last week to discuss the EWP and the open forum that was held by CAA. Senator Brownson introduced an executive committee proposal to have a member of CGS and CAA hold either elected or ex-officio seats on Faculty Senate and a Faculty Senate member hold an elected or ex-officio seat on CGS and CAA as well. Such a proposal requires a constitutional amendment. Curry asked

the Senate explore the idea further. Senator Stimac then suggested meeting with the Executive Committees of CGS and CAA to discuss the proposal. He added that CGS and CAA members that have a seat on Faculty Senate should have ex-officio seats; Senator Coit agreed with Stimac. Senator VanGunten suggested that a Senate Committee be appointed to attend CGS and CAA and be responsible for keeping current with their minutes. Senator Dao voiced his agreement with VanGunten and did not see a need for a Faculty Senate member to attend every CGS and CAA meeting. Curry commented that minutes may not prove as beneficial as sitting in on a meeting. Coit stated that though it may be easier to staff a committee to review CGS and CAA minutes, it does not allow one to hear the inner workings of a meeting. Stimac agreed that attending meetings allows one to gather more information. VanGunten then inquired as to how a Faculty Senate representative would go about deciding what is important enough to bring to Faculty Senate for discussion. Senator Snyder suggested that Faculty Senate invite members of CGS and CAA to serve as ex-officio members to gain a better understanding of important issues that require further discussion. Brownson then stated that having a Faculty Senate representative attend CGS and CAA meetings will allow for recommendations made by CGS and CAA to be responded to. She added that it is difficult to respond to recommendations when Faculty Senate is not aware of them. Snyder added that it is also beneficial for CGS and CAA representatives to sit in on Faculty Senate; Senator Murray concurred. Senator Pommier then stated that having CGS and CAA members attend Faculty Senate is a good idea, but that they should be invited as opposed to serving as ex-officio members. Curry asked how Faculty Senate would know when to invite a member of CGS or CAA to a meeting. VanGunten responded that Faculty Senate needs communication from CGS and CAA regarding issues they will be voting on. Murray then suggested that members of CGS and CAA be invited to discuss important issues in addition to CGS and CAA representatives serving as ex-officio members of Faculty Senate. VanGunten said that there is a need for a list-serve for communicating information, but that the Open Meetings Act is an issue. Senator Russell made the suggestion that a rotation be formed whereby CGS and CAA representatives would come to Faculty Senate to give reports. She added that it would be a standing report on the Faculty Senate agenda. Senator Stimac then suggested that there be communication between CGS, CAA and Faculty Senate Executive Committee members instead of having representatives from CGS, CAA and Faculty Senate attend each others' meetings. Curry responded that the communication among the three bodies is already handled that way. Senator Fischer commented that Faculty Senate needs to discuss the proposal with CGS and CAA before further action is taken. Curry stated that the Executive Committee will come up with a revised proposal. There was a motion (Fischer/Coit) to table the discussion of the issue until the Senate had an opportunity to view a revised proposal from the Executive Committee. Approval of motion to table the discussion: Yes- Brownson, Coit, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Marshall, Murray, Pommier, Russell, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, VanGunten.

2. Nominations Committee: There is still a need for two faculty representatives for Student Government External Relations committees as well as Apportionment Board Committee.
3. Awards Committee: Applications were received for the Mendez award. The deadline is next Monday.
4. Elections Committee: Move (Brownson/Coit) that Dr. Karen Drage be approved as a faculty representative for the Council on University Planning and Budget. Approval of Dr. Karen Drage as CUPB representative: Yes- Brownson, Coit, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Marshall, Murray, Pommier, Russell, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, VanGunten
5. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: The Suicide Prevention initiative is moving forward.
6. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: Senator Sinclair contacted the Executive Committee of the Staff Senate.
7. Budget Transparency Committee: Senator Joyce is looking into getting the University budget online and getting a hard copy in the library. Provost Lord commented that it is a difficult task at this time because salary information is in a different form, but there is an effort to put a report together and it should be available in a few weeks. Senator Joyce said another issue in reference to Faculty Development will be reported on at a later date.
8. Faculty Forum Committee: The Faculty Forum will be held 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday March 4 in the Grand Ballroom. Senator Brownson suggested the theme of Academic Integrity. Brownson said that she had recently attended a conference on Academic Integrity which involved students, faculty, librarians and judicial affairs; there were multiple constituencies involved. Senator Curry commented that not all students are aware of what plagiarism and intellectual property are. The Faculty Forum Committee will explore the idea.
9. Development Communication Committee: Senator Pommier that the committee met October 25 and discussed funding and the national trend of receiving larger gifts but fewer donors. Dr. Perry's vision includes increasing participation one percent for the next five years. The committee is also looking for Honorary Degree nominations. Pommier encouraged departments to explore individuals who are deserving of such a degree.
10. Other Reports
 - a) Provost's Report: Provost Lord stated that President Perry's inauguration is 3 p.m. November 9 and that the commencement office should be contacted by anyone wanting to wear their regalia.

VII. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: campus climate survey; construction updates; long-range planning; faculty handbook

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Snyder, Recorder